

Remarks

In the Office Action mailed October 1, 2004, the drawings of the application were objected to for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. It was contended that the pathway having a zigzag pattern recited in claim 6, some of the band first and second surface sections having an equivalent curvature recited in claim 10, the band having a plurality of angled portions between the first and second end edges recited in claim 12, and the band having angled portions and a spiral pattern recited in claim 16 were not shown in the drawing figures.

The pathway having a zigzag pattern recited in claim 6 is shown in Figures 11 and 12 of the drawing figures. The band having at least some first and second surface sections that have equivalent curvatures recited in claim 10 is shown in Figures 10, 11, and 12 of the drawing figures. The band having a plurality of angled portions between the first and second end edges recited in claim 12 is shown in Figures 10, 11, and 12 of the drawing figures. The band having angled portions and a spiral pattern recited in claim 16 is shown in Figures 10 and 12 of the drawing figures.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the drawings are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a), and therefore corrected or replacement drawings are not needed.

Claims 1, 4-6, 9, 12, 15-17, 20, 23, 26, 27, 30, and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) and (e) in view of the U.S. Patent of Hogle No. 6,523,463. Each of these rejected claims has been cancelled herein.

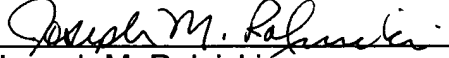
Claims 34 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,688,301. These claims have been cancelled herein.

Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 31, 32, and 36 were objected to for depending from a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 28, 31, 32, and 36 has been amended herein into independent form incorporating all of the subject matter of the base claims and any intervening claims into the amended claims. It is therefore respectfully submitted that these amended claims are allowable over the prior art.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments presented herein, the application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is requested.

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